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## Reaching out

*IMCOM commander stresses value of strong partnerships*

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch  
Commander of the Installation Management Command



Our Soldiers have been steadfast in their service to the nation during the past nine years of conflict. Their families have been just as constant in their own dedicated service, providing the strength and support that enables Soldiers to do their jobs. Our Soldiers and families persevere in their service to the nation in the face of repeated deployments and even greater

challenges.

It is heartening to know that we are not in this alone — our fellow citizens want to understand what we are experiencing and share a deep desire to support us where they can. Sometimes they simply do not know where to begin or how to make the connection to channel their appreciation and support into action. That is why reaching out to the communities around us is so vitally important.

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## AFAP issues resolved

By Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch  
Commander of the Installation Management Command

I have always said you can either read history or make it. Many in our workforce have

made important history by asking the three fundamental questions: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things

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Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

Students are welcomed to school last year in Baumholder.

## Schools set to start Aug. 30

By Jennifer Clampet and Karl Weisel  
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs Office

From SMART Boards and upgraded science labs to ongoing construction projects, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe

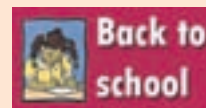
facilities in Baumholder and Wiesbaden are keeping pace with the needs of students and teachers.

School officials are readying their classrooms and curriculum for the first day of school Aug. 30. The first day

of kindergarten is set for Sept. 7. The first day of Sure Start is Sept. 16.

As the Department of Defense Education Activity begins the 2010-2011 school

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## Construction changing face of military community



Despite construction setbacks, work on the new Wiesbaden Army Lodge is nearing completion.

Story and photos by  
Chrystal Smith  
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs Office

Towering yellow cranes and backhoes are holding the places of future trees and buildings and changing the overall quality of life as the Wiesbaden landscape transforms.

Multiple construction projects including demolition, neighborhood revitalization, renovation, regular maintenance, infrastructure upgrades and repairs abound in both the residential and operational areas of the military community.

The School-Age Center and the Army Lodge in Hainerberg Housing are the next projects on track for completion this fall amid the major transformation construction that will go through year 2013.

The new Hainerberg SAC facility will accommodate 105 children from 5-10 years old. It will include entrance, reception and administrative areas, staff lounge, work room, kitchen, snack area, child activity rooms, multipurpose activity room, janitor closet, general storage, supply rooms and a fenced outdoor play area with a shade structure.

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## Feedback: *What are you looking forward to this school year?*



**James Milledge**  
**Baumholder ninth-grader**

"I look forward to getting good grades and being all-Europe running back."



**Natalie Raley**  
**Wiesbaden fifth-grader**

"The awesome trips we take here."



**Corban Jackson**  
**Wiesbaden fifth-grader**

"I'm hoping I can make more friends and just fit in and be a normal person. I hope to do well in school and pass fifth grade and go to sixth. I want to have fun being in school."



**Raechel McCormick**  
**Baumholder ninth-grader**

"Playing sports, meeting new people and learning new things are what I look forward to."



**Justyn Perry**  
**Wiesbaden, age 4**

"I'm gonna learn about something ... talk and go play and run around and clean up ... and my mom will come get me ... and I will do my homework."

## Welcome back to school

**By Frank E. Roehl**

*Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Heidelberg District Superintendent*



Welcome to the new school year. In partnership with you, our parents, the educators and support staff are ready to begin the important work of providing an exciting and challenging educational program for your sons and daughters.

As we live and work in the challenging and transforming environment of the U.S. Forces in Europe, our focus is to support the military and civilian personnel assigned to the communities in the Heidelberg District by providing a safe, secure and robust educational program to school-age children. Your children's education is a high priority, quality-of-life program that is important to the accomplishment of the missions of the U.S. Forces especially in

these times of multiple deployments and up-tempo work schedules. We take this challenge very seriously, but to ensure we are accomplishing our mission,

we implore you to work with us by communicating your questions and suggestions with the teachers and administrators in our schools.

In previous welcome back letters, I suggested that we work in close partnership with you, our parents, and the community to build a foundation for success in providing an exciting and challenging educational program for your sons and daughters. I am not changing this message as it goes to the heart of building a team relationship with the focus on your child's learning. The administrators and teachers in

the Heidelberg District Schools in the communities of Wiesbaden, Mannheim, Stuttgart and Heidelberg are committed to enlisting your support and feedback to give us a collective insight for continuous improvement.

A quality education should provide challenging, interesting, and relevant work for all students. This is only possible when all of the greater school community communicates and contributes to enhance programs for our students for their continued success. I encourage all parents and community members to support our students by visiting our schools and taking part in the multitude

**See page 6 for a message from the Kaiserslautern district superintendent**

of opportunities and events the schools offer and modeling for our students the importance of their education.

Again, welcome to School Year 2010-2011, and we'll see you in school.

## Garrisons call for feedback

**By AnnMarie Powers-Nordvall**

*U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Customer Management Services*

The Installation Management Command's annual Customer Service Assessment begins Aug. 30.

Available online at [www.mymilitaryvoice.org](http://www.mymilitaryvoice.org) until Sept. 26, it collects feedback from leaders, Soldiers, family members,

civilians, retirees and veterans on garrison service delivery.

This includes services from Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities, Housing, Military Personnel Services, Transportation, Religious Services and more.

This is the opportunity for customers to let the garrisons know what is important to them and how the garrison service

providers have performed over the past year.

As well as rating service delivery, survey participants will have an opportunity to provide comments about what has been done and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

The annual Customer Service Assessment is just one

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## Letter to the editor: Berlin Airlift feedback

As an airlift veteran I thoroughly enjoyed the recent article, "Berlin Airlift: Germans, Americans gather to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in massive humanitarian effort" (July 8 issue), but one line caught my eye—"to remember the nearly 80 airlift personnel who lost their lives." First 85

British, German and American persons died in airlift-related accidents but only 77 names appear on the airlift memorials at the Frankfurt International Airport and former Tempelhof Airport in Berlin. Thirteen of those casualties were Germans. On another note, in 1976 the states of Wisconsin and Hes-

sen established a partnership. In 2001 a proclamation created a number of exchanges and ongoing relations. Both the establishment of the partnership and proclamation might be of interest to your readers.

**Ronald MacArthur Hirst**  
**U.S. veteran and historian**

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## News flash

### U.S. Citizen Night

The U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt invites citizens residing abroad to a U.S. Citizen Information Night Sept. 2 from 5-7 p.m. to learn more about passport and citizenship services, Social Security and other federal benefits, security awareness, tax requirements, absentee voting and more. Refreshments will be served. Bring your passport or other identity document. Visit [http://germany.usembassy.gov/acs/info\\_night](http://germany.usembassy.gov/acs/info_night) for more information.

### Military Officers Association

The First European Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America invites active duty, guard/reserve, former and retired commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services to a picnic at Kaiserslautern's Pulaski Park lower pavilion Aug. 21 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and learn about the organization. Contact [alanjolsen@gmail.com](mailto:alanjolsen@gmail.com) for more information.

### Supply excellence

Baumholder's Company A, 24th Brigade Support Battalion, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, was named a runner-up in the U.S. Army Europe-level Supply Excellence Awards Competition. The unit was recognized in Category IV (A) TDA Supply Support Activity. (*USAREUR Public Affairs*)

### AAFES photo contest

Authorized exchange shoppers are invited to submit photos of their pets for a chance to win \$1,000 or \$500 Army and Air Force Exchange Service shopping spree. Additional prizes include pet accessories. Submissions will be judged on creativity, uniqueness, quality and effectiveness in conveying the loyalty and companionship of pets belonging to military members. Shoppers should submit entries in the Patriot Pet Contest to [PatriotFamily@aafes.com](mailto:PatriotFamily@aafes.com) with "Patriot Family Pet" in the subject line. Entries must include name, address, phone number, rank/occupation and pet's information (name, breed or type of pet) and a brief description. Deadline to enter is Sept. 30. Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) for more information. (*AAFES Public Affairs*)

### Force protection thought

A terrorist threat to U.S. Army installations and personnel exists. Army activities and people remain vulnerable. Vigilance and awareness coupled with timely reporting of suspicious activities can counter the terrorist threat. It takes a community to protect a community. (*Courtesy of U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden's Antiterrorism Office*)

### Pre-retirement seminars

Civilian employees who are three to five years from retirement eligibility wanting a better understanding of the retirement system, Social Security, the Thrift Savings Plan and other benefits are invited to attend one of the FERS or CSRS pre-retirement seminars which will be held Sept. 16 and 17 respectively in Wiesbaden. Employees should register through the online Civilian Human Resources Training Application System at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/student/logon.aspx?caller=1>.

## Army changing child care fees

Beginning Oct. 1 most Army families will see an increase in their child care fees, while others will see a reduction. Some will see no change in fees for School Year 2010-2011. This is a result of a new Department of Defense policy.

"Army families will continue to have access to some of the best Child and Youth Programs found anywhere in the world," said Maj. Gen. Reuben Jones, commander of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. "These programs are an important part of our military communities and will continue to be a great value for our Soldiers and their families."

The Army Family Action Plan played an important role in shaping the new policy. One result of AFAP was an expansion in the number of income categories to better reflect the full range of family incomes found across the Army.

By law, child care fees are based on total family income (excluding certain special pay and allowances), not rank or civilian grade. In 2008, DoD conducted an in-depth study of the child development program fee policy.

As a result, they determined current fee ranges were no longer in sync with the total family income for a majority of the users, and the fees have not kept pace with the increasing costs of providing care.

"While the cost of providing child care has risen each of the past six years, the value of the programs has also increased for Soldiers, their children and the Army," said Peggy Hinson, Child Youth and School Services director at FMWRC.

"Our child care programs promote early learning. Most Army programs are nationally accredited, and most importantly, Soldiers can concentrate on their mission, knowing their children are safe and well cared for in a fully accredited child care system," she explained.

The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, the country's leading voice for child care, issues a biennial report on the quality of nationwide child care, including the DoD. The 2007 study found that the DoD child care system "stands alone as a model for states." In that report, military child care ranked first among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and was the only entity to score in the top 10 for both standards and oversight criteria.

Since 2004 child care fees at most Army garrisons have remained static in an attempt to ease the burden of persistent conflict and multiple deployments. In

an effort to minimize the financial impact of fee increases, the Army received approval from DoD to begin a phased-in implementation of this new child care fee policy. Individual installations will have plans to reach fixed dollar amounts for each fee category within the next three years.

A 2009 update confirmed that DoD child care continues to score more than 60 percent above the national average.

"It's important, in keeping with the promises made in the Army Family Covenant, that we do everything we can to minimize the impact the DoD fee changes will have on our Soldiers and their families," said Jones.

Currently there are six fee categories, including a minimum fixed rate and five income-based categories, each with a range of fees determined by the garrison.

The School Year 2010-2011 child care fee policy will contain nine categories, with three added at the top to more accurately accommodate higher incomes.

Under existing policy, families earning \$70,001 pay the same fees as those making more than \$100,000. The three additional categories will raise fees incrementally to cover families earning \$125,001 or more annually.

Those earning \$85,000 and below will see smaller increases. Furthermore, some lower-income families will pay reduced fees under the new policy. As always, families with more than one child will receive multiple child reductions, regardless of total family income. This now will become an Army-wide standard 15 percent discount for second and subsequent children.

Commanders may authorize additional fee reductions for families with temporary, documented financial hardships. Army Family Covenant fee reductions are in effect, while military parents are deployed.

In addition to Child Development Center fees, the Army's 2010-2011 fee policy covers all Child, Youth and School Services Programs, including: full day; part day; part time; school age and hourly care; Family Child Care homes; Skies Unlimited instructional programs and youth sports.

Families will receive information about their specific fee changes beginning mid-August, through personal contacts at their CYSS locations. Additional information will be provided through town hall meetings, social media, radio and television commercials and print materials. The Army will launch a website in late August to provide additional information on its School Year 2010-2011 child care fee policy.

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method for the garrison to get the "Voice of the Customer." It's essential that we capture feedback from senior leaders and junior enlisted Soldiers within the companies and units and get feedback from family members, veterans, retirees, civilian employees and contractors as well.

Survey results will be reported separately by the different constituent groups.

The best way the garrison commanders and directors can get an accurate picture of customer satisfac-

tion and expectations is from maximum participation. For this year's survey, we will be making a big push to get more feedback from all constituent groups. Their input will enable the garrison leadership to determine where improvements can be made.

For more information on the 2010 Customer Service Assessment contact the Baumholder Customer Service Office at mil 485-7205, civ (06783) 6-7205 or the Wiesbaden office at mil 337-5507, civ (0611) 705-5507.

Let your voice be heard.



## From the blotter

Compiled by the U.S. Army  
Garrison Wiesbaden Directorate  
of Emergency Services

### July 28

**Baumholder:** A noncommissioned officer is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

**Wiesbaden:** A family member is being charged with shoplifting.

### July 29

**Baumholder:** A Soldier is being charged with being absent without leave.

### July 30

**Baumholder:** An NCO is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

**Wiesbaden:** A contractor is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

### July 31

**Baumholder:** A Soldier is being charged with larceny of Army and Air Force Exchange Service property.

**Wiesbaden:** Two family members are being charged with larceny of AAFES property.

### Aug 1

**Baumholder:** An NCO is being charged with drunken driving.

**Wiesbaden:** A family member is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

### Aug 2

**Wiesbaden:** An officer is being charged with assault after being involved in an altercation which turned physical. An NCO is being charged with failing to obey an order for entering the officer's quarters.

### Aug 4

**Baumholder:** A family member is being charged with larceny of AAFES property.

**Wiesbaden:** An NCO is being charged with owning an unregistered vehicle.

### Aug 5

**Baumholder:** An NCO is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

**Wiesbaden:** An AAFES employee is being charged with a traffic accident after striking another vehicle.

### Aug 6

**Baumholder:** Five Soldiers are being charged with assault after being involved in an altercation that turned physical.

**Wiesbaden:** An airman is being charged with damage to government property.

### Aug 7

**Wiesbaden:** An NCO is being charged with owning an unregistered vehicle.



## Moving to Wiesbaden

Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Brooks (left) and Col. Gerald Miller, former 2nd Signal Brigade commander, case the colors on Mannheim's Taylor Barracks in preparation for the brigade's move to Wiesbaden. Members of the 5th Signal Command and brigade also welcomed 2nd Signal's new commander, Col. Mitchell Kilgo, during the July 30 ceremony.

Photo by Lawrence Torres III

## Reaching out . . . . .

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The Army has a long history of supportive relationships with surrounding communities. San Antonio, Texas, claims the title of Military City, USA, but many more communities could lay equal claim, their ties with the installations in their areas being as long-standing and deep-rooted. Over the years the Army has also developed strong relationships with local, state and national organizations that provide a wide range of support for Soldiers and families, including programs focused on health care, education, child development, employment, financial aid and morale and recreation.

Now those relationships are more critical than ever. The Army cannot always offer the most comprehensive assistance for the number and kinds of challenges our Soldiers and families face. This is especially true for National Guard, active reserve and active component Soldiers and families who live far from installations. The great need for support and the great demand on our resources require us to reach out to those who can help us keep our promise to Soldiers and families. A volunteer, a local service provider or a state or national organization may be able to offer expertise, material assistance, support services or even just human contact that fills a critical need, especially for the Soldier or family member who is not near an installation.

The support that communities and organizations give to Soldiers and families has become so important that the Army Community Covenant was launched in April 2008 to formalize and facilitate the relationships. To date, communities in 49 states, three territories and the District of Columbia have conducted more than 500 covenant signing ceremonies, pledging to find ways to enhance the quality of life for Soldiers and families.

These ceremonies publicly recognize

and celebrate the communities' commitments, but they are not an end in themselves. They are an important step in taking action to link support to specific Soldier and family needs. The crucial first step is building relationships.

Effective community outreach is broader than a covenant. It begins with building strong, real relationships. Americans are inspired to offer their support when they learn more about military life and gain a deeper understanding of the personal challenges that Soldiers and families experience. It is crucial that Army leaders make every effort to get to know local leaders, to attend town halls, chamber of commerce meetings and other events, and to invite local leaders and community members to attend events on post. Army leaders must be prepared to answer when local leaders ask, "How can we help?" Americans are generous and compassionate — if you let them know how they can help, they will.

I know from firsthand experience what the power of community support can do for Soldiers and their families. One recent example is when I was the III Corps and Fort Hood commander and worked to establish a Resiliency Campus, which gathers in one area a number of programs to support Soldiers' and families' mental, spiritual and physical well-being. As senior commander I was able to dedicate the space on post and ensure that infrastructure improvements were made, but it was the embrace of the community outside the gate, their contributions of materials, services and expertise, that made the campus a reality.

We have several valuable resources to help Soldiers and families locate and access programs and services available to them. Army One Source, at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com), is a single portal for information on a wide range of services, including housing, health care,

employment, education, child care and family services. AOS includes information on how to contact the nearest Army community support coordinator. Community support coordinators work to make connections between local resources and Soldiers and families, especially for those who live far from an installation.

The Army Community Covenant website, at [www.army.mil/community](http://www.army.mil/community), has information on more than 600 national, state and local programs that offer education, employment, family, financial, survivor, wounded warrior and other kinds of support. The website regularly adds information on new programs as Army leaders continue to build relationships with local, state and national organizations. The site also has ideas and resources for Army leaders to reach out to the communities around them and for community members and organizations who want to offer support.

All of these resources — the Army Community Covenant resources, the community support coordinators, the advice and ideas of fellow leaders posted on [www.garrisoncommand.com](http://www.garrisoncommand.com) and the expertise of professionals on installations — help Army leaders build and strengthen relationships with communities and find innovative ways to take care of Soldiers and families.

We have become more effective at our community outreach efforts in recent years, but our efforts meet with such success because our communities are eager to meet us halfway. They readily and generously express their gratitude and support for our Soldiers and families. Our challenge is to meet them all the way, to clearly communicate our needs and facilitate their support for us. The support and contributions from our communities will enable us to keep our promise to provide Soldiers and families a quality of life commensurate with their service.



## 'Sex Signals' addresses culture, language of consent

**By Chrystal Smith**  
U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden  
Public Affairs Office

Recognizing and understanding consent before engaging in sex can significantly lower sexual assault and rape statistics in the Army.

Catharsis Production players Ben Murrie and Amber Kelly presented "Sex Signals" to audiences in Baumholder and Wiesbaden in late July to heighten awareness of sexual assault and rape and to inspire a culture of respectful dialogue and intervention.

While some of the language and subject matter presented bordered on graphic and offensive, it addressed realities common in the current dating scene making a concentrated attempt at demystifying generalizations and cultural expectations among the genders.

"Enough people are getting hurt by sexual assault that we have to make a cultural shift ... get consent ... practice the language," said Murrie. "It's about getting a conversation going, getting beyond the awkwardness."

The players presented a number of scenarios addressing relations between men and women.

"It's something more to do with respect. It's not just a sex thing," said Murrie, who underscored the importance of respect

in all relationships.

And while some of the content caused the audience to erupt with laughter, many of the facts about rape, "the most unreported felony in our country," were presented to compel viewers.

"Only like an eighth of these people have done something about it," said Murrie from the stage after polling the audience to learn how many people have intervened on potential situations of sexual assault. "Rape is the most unreported felony in our country."

"You have to be careful that people not perceive things that could reduce risk of the victim as blame," said Kelly while probing the audience for opinions regarding the fictitious victim's actions that led up to the alleged assault depicted on stage.

Though the scenario led many to question fault and reason, the pair clarified what defined rape to solidify the audience's understanding.

"Rape is sex without consent ... regretted sex is not rape," they said.

Even as some may think rape is conducted primarily in dark alleys by cloaked assailants, the garrison's law enforcement chief offered testimony demonstrating the opposite.

"I haven't seen the case (reported here) where the victim jumped from the tree line in a ski mask," said Lt. Col. Mikel

Russell, director of emergency services, who reiterated the likelihood of a person being victimized by someone he or she knows. "Every case (reported here) has been where the victim knew the assailant."

"This has been great for the Soldiers because it gets to their level," said Allie DeLegge, U.S. Army Europe G-1 event planner. "We're trying to get people to talk about it without gaining attention."

"It's an honor to spotlight the ability to create change values and moral code. Getting the Army on our side gives us a better chance at making a change," said Kelly.

When sexual assault happens, victims and third-party witnesses are encouraged to report it to any of the different venues offered through the



Photo by Chrystal Smith

**Soldiers hold up stop cards to signal the "Sex Signal" players during a performance July 29 at Flyers Theater on Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Inset: Ben Murrie and Amber Kelly of Catharsis Productions run down a scenario during the Wiesbaden show.**

Army such as the chaplaincy, Military Police or the sexual unit victim advocate, medical, assault response coordinator.

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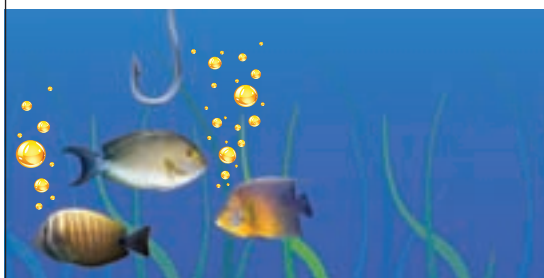


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## Superintendent welcomes students

**By Dr. Dell McMullen**  
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Kaiserslautern District  
Superintendent*

I am delighted to welcome you to the Kaiserslautern District for school year 2010-2011.

Our district is committed to providing every possible opportunity for your child to be successful, armed with the skills critical to living and working productively in our 21st-century society.

Research clearly indicates that when parents take an active role in the education of their children, student achievement increases. Toward that end, I want to share the Kaiserslautern District vision with you, and invite you to become part of our vision.

First, we are standards based: This means that the Department of Defense Education Activity standards and 21st-century skills are the basis for prioritizing what we teach and how we teach.

Second, we are data driven. All assessment data, to include grades, attendance and perfor-

mance on a variety of assessments, as well as the "soft" data, to include issues children are dealing with such as deployments and PCS moves, must be addressed in order to maximize student learning.

Third, and most important, we are student focused. We are committed to knowing and understanding every child's uniqueness. This means that we are dealing with the "heart and the head" of every child, ensuring his/her needs are addressed and expecting and working toward every student's maximum potential.

Fourth is highest student achievement for all students. All means each and every child that comes through the doors of our classrooms.

We are committed to doing everything in our power to help every single child be successful. In order to do this most effectively, we need your help and involvement.

I invite you to join the teachers, administrators, support staff and district office personnel in forging a strong collaboration



Photo by Dr. Peggy Hoffman-Schmidt

**New Kaiserslautern District Superintendent Dell McMullen talks with Chief of Staff LaCresha Snow as they prepare for the beginning of the new school year.**

based on our vision. We welcome you and hope that you will get involved in every aspect of our school program. There is no question that when all mem-

bers of the school community commit to an open, honest and ongoing dialogue, our students will be the winners.

We hope that you enjoy

your stay in Europe, and we look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure a top-notch educational program for your child.

## Community readies for Health and CARE Fair

**By Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava**  
*U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder  
Public Affairs Office*

Preparation for deployment is the focus of this year's Health and CARE Fair, scheduled for Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hall of Champions. This is the second year garrison agencies are teaming up with health care professionals to provide a comprehensive one-stop shopping event for community members.

"Teaming up with the health professionals is an idea that worked well last year so we are offering our customers the same opportunity to obtain information or register for numerous events or activities again this year," said Catherine Dubosc, event coordinator. "In general, this is an opportunity for Soldiers and families to interface, interact and register with community and off-base facilities, activities and services."

As Soldiers from the 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team train for their upcoming deployment, family members should also prepare. That's where this year's Health and CARE Fair comes into play. Everything from financial



Photo by Madeleine Dwoiakowski

**Capt. Tara Bowman and Laney Rich browse through force protection information at last year's Health and CARE Fair.**

preparation and identity theft awareness to TriCare registration will be available at the Hall of Champions. Family Readiness Group representatives will be out in force, looking for family members who have not yet registered with their respective FRGs.

The medical and dental clinics will provide information and online registration for programs such as Tricare.

Private organizations such as the Community Spouses Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will also be represented.

Other key agencies that will participate include Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, Chaplain's Office, Legal and Tax Centers, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, commissary, bank, credit union, Civilian Personnel Office, Fire Department, Safety,

schools, Vehicle Registration, Outdoor Recreation and more.

The U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder will also showcase iWATCH, a program designed to help keep communities safe from terrorist or criminal activity by reporting actions and behaviors that appear suspicious.

Army Community Service will offer classes to prepare families for deployment. Possible classes include, Love Languages, How to Keep the Fire Burning, How to Manage Your Expectations and Battlemind. Times will be announced as the event date nears.

ACS will offer child care at the Smith Child Development Center during the event and the Hall of Champions will have a lunch and beverage service, dependent on space availability.

"We cannot forget that a key element of this event is registration. There will be opportunities for community members to register for activities such as volunteering, youth services, FRGs, private organizations and much more," said Dubosc.

For more information call mil 485-6115 or civ (06783) 6-6115.



## Balilo is 2010 distinguished principal

Helen Hughes-Balilo, principal of Wetzel Elementary School in Baumholder, was selected as the Department of Defense Education Activity's nominee for the National Association of Elementary School Principals' 2010 National Distinguished Principals of the Year for Elementary and Middle Level through the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Hughes-Balilo will be honored as the 2010 DoDEA National Distinguished Principal Oct. 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

"Under Helen's excellent leadership as principal of Wetzel Elementary School during the past five years, a complete transformation has occurred that has been keenly focused on student achievement," said Lawanna H. Mangelburg, former Kaiserslautern District superintendent. "Helen is committed to success for all students, and she places the highest priority on exemplary instructional interventions that are based on individual student academic needs."

Hughes-Balilo has been the principal of Wetzel Elementary since 2005. She served as the assistant principal of Smith Elementary School in Baumholder before her time at Wetzel Elementary. She also served as a teacher in schools in Okinawa and Iwakuni, Japan.

She began her career with DoDEA in 1989 at V.I. Grissom Elementary School at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

The National Distinguished Principals Program



Photo by Dr. Peggy Hoffman-Schmidt

**Principal Helen Hughes-Balilo (right), DoDEA Principal of the Year, talks with Kaiserslautern District Teacher of the Year and Wetzel academic support team teacher, Micheline Huntley, about student data as they make plans for the opening of the school year.**

was established in 1984 as an annual event to honor exemplary elementary and middle school principals who set the pace, character and quality of the education children receive during their early school years.

The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals, in corporate partnership with the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company.

NAESP highlights the fundamental importance of school principals in achieving educational excellence for pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students. The national recognition afforded by the National Distinguished Principal designation instills pride in principals' accomplishments and reinforces their continued leadership in helping students develop a lifelong love of learning.

Hughes-Balilo earned her bachelor's degree from Glenville State College in Glenville, W. Va., and her master of science degree in education from Troy State University in Troy, Ala., in 1996.

"Helen Hughes-Balilo exemplifies the term 'exceptional educational leader,'" said Dorothy Meckes, a first-grade teacher at Wetzel Elementary school. "She energizes, engages and encourages the stakeholder in the Wetzel community to excel and work together. She creates an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect throughout the school and community."

DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates and manages pre-kindergarten through 12th grade education programs for Department of Defense dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality, public education.

DoDEA schools are located in Europe, the Pacific, the United States, Cuba, Guam and Puerto Rico. DoDEA also provides support and resources to local education activities throughout the United States that serve children of military families.

## Teacher of the Year: 2011 selectee always searching for the right way to teach children

**By Dr. Peggy Hoffman-Schmidt**

*Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Kaiserslautern District Office*

*"If children are apparently unable to learn, we should assume that we have not as yet found the right way to teach them."* — Marie Clay.

"This is my favorite quote," said Micheline Huntley, academic support team teacher at Wetzel Elementary School and the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Kaiserslautern District Teacher of the Year selected for 2011. "As a reflective teacher, that's what I feel I constantly do when something doesn't work. I search for the right way to teach the students. That is my way of becoming a better teacher."

Academic support team teachers are on the cutting edge, supporting teachers in ensuring every child is successful.

They do the work of modeling, coaching, consulting and collaborating, using data to create instructional plans and to focus on the differentiated needs of all students, all with a focus

on research-based best practices that will ensure student success. That "can do" attitude and willingness to research and probe, never giving up, has a lot to do with the spirit of the success and culture children experience at Wetzel Elementary School.

Huntley is the fourth teacher at Wetzel to be selected as the Kaiserslautern District Teacher of the Year within the past five years, and most recently, Principal Helen Hughes-Balilo was selected National Distinguished Principal of the Year for DoDEA.

The culture of learning and belief that all students can learn "when we find the right way to teach them" is the reason for school success. As 2008 Teacher of the Year Shannon O'Dell says about nominating Huntley, "She is a remarkable educator who continues to selflessly dedicate herself to the teaching

profession, for children, parents, and fellow teachers."

Huntley joined the Wetzel staff in 2006 as a reading recovery teacher and literacy leader after serving three years at Smith Elementary School as a first-grade teacher and reading recovery/literacy leader.

In addition to her teaching commitments, Huntley sponsors after-school

cooking clubs, homework club, music with moms and dancing with dads activities to provide enrichment opportunities for students and families. This

has been crucial in the Baumholder area where the school has supported the families and children through four major deployments. She has been active in the community, serving as the president of the Baumholder Area Education Association, is an active member of the Ramstein Roadrunners Volksmarch Club

and is an usher at the Vogelweh Gospel Service. She represents her alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University, at the annual Kaiserslautern College Information Night.

Huntley's other DoDDS experience includes being a kindergarten teacher in Okinawa for 16 years. Before joining DoDDS, Huntley taught in North Carolina after earning her degree from North Carolina A&T. She went on to earn two master's degrees at A&T before coming to DoDDS.

When a teacher takes this quote to heart, does everything in her power to assist colleagues in implementing research-based best practices and guides children so they become responsible learners reaching for success, you have the dream teacher that every school, parent and child wants and deserves.

Huntley, the Kaiserslautern District's choice as Teacher of the Year for 2011, represents the outstanding teachers of the Kaiserslautern District very well.





## War games prepare Bayonet Soldiers for battle

By Pfc. Nathan Goodall  
170th Brigade Public Affairs Office

When it comes to conducting brigade-level operations, the brigade and battalion commanders and their staffs, have to be well trained and proficient in their jobs to move troops on the battlefield.

Soldiers with the 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team conducted a warfighter exercise in Baumholder in July to sharpen those skills.

A warfighter exercise is hands-on training for the brigade and battalion staffs that can be compared to the situational training exercises used to train infantrymen. Much like the infantry's situational training exercises, the warfighter exercise was designed to simulate an operation during deployment, said Capt. Logan Dick, an assistant current operations officer and battle captain with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 170th IBCT.

Soldiers set up tactical operation centers for the brigade staff and for the staffs of each battalion within the brigade. Through visual communication systems and radio technology, Soldiers within the centers were able to relay information and commands, said Maj. James Allen, the 170th IBCT executive officer.

"We set up our tactical operation centers exactly the way we would anticipate employing them in the field," said Allen.

All actions taken by commanders and their staffs were run through a computer



Photo by Pfc. Nathan Goodall

**Maj. Bruce Carter, the 170th IBCT fire support officer, and Pvt. Jason Hescok, a fire support specialist, go over mission plans during the warfighter exercise in Baumholder in July.**

simulation that allowed the brigade and battalion staffs to receive a mission, create a plan and then execute the mission. The simulator provided computer-generated Soldiers, enemy combatants, and reactions to every command the

staffs employed. Through use of this simulator, the staffs made sure that they will be able to maneuver Soldiers at lower echelons and complete missions when deployed, said Allen.

"This is the time when we can test our

systems," said 1st Lt. Jenniffer Goulet, the 170th IBCT brigade medical operations officer. "We need to find out what works and what doesn't work before we get to the real, live situation."

Each staff component participated in the training like they would in an operation during deployment. Medical staff personnel conducted all the patient tracking, which included calling in medical evacuations for wounded Soldiers, said Goulet.

The communications staffs set up and maintained the communications systems for the tactical operation centers, said Pfc. Douglas Feltner, a Colfax, Ind., native, now an information technology specialist with HHC, 170th IBCT.

"We basically ensure that all the commanders are able to have connectivity to the networks and make sure that they are able to communicate back and forth," said Feltner.

By having each staff component come together as a team, the staffs were able to work together to complete the mission, said Allen.

"I was amazed at the level of performance we had," said Allen. "The willingness to learn, the willingness to improve and take constructive feedback and get better was just phenomenal. It's because of teamwork that we're ready to go on to the next step."



Photo by Pfc. Nathan Goodall

**Members of the 170th IBCT brigade staff go over mission plans during a warfighter exercise in July. A warfighter exercise trains commanders and their staffs to plan and execute missions in a combat environment.**



## FMWR roundup

More roundup is available at [www.baumholder.army.mil/sites/local/MWRBriefs.asp](http://www.baumholder.army.mil/sites/local/MWRBriefs.asp)

### Kids card at Java Cafe

A children's stamp card for drinks is now available at the Java Cafe. Once youths complete the 10 stamps they get the 11th drink free and a chance to select a DVD from the selection offered while supplies last.

### Summer fest party

Come out and enjoy the summer sunshine on Aug. 27 at the Rheinlander Community Club. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. and the barbecue includes ribs, chicken and burgers. The band "Reilly" starts at 8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Festaburg and the Baumholder chaplains. For more information on the band go to [Reillytheband.com](http://Reillytheband.com) and for more information on the Festaburg go to [Festaburg.com](http://Festaburg.com).

### Coupons and coffee

Have a cup of coffee, make friends and learn how to save money using coupons overseas. Coupons and Coffee is a new program offered through the Army Community Service financial readiness program. The group will meet Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at the Wiggles and Giggles conference room. Attendees will have an opportunity to win coupon books and collect coupons for groceries and other household items. This event is child friendly. For more information call Denise Fesel at mil 485-8188.

### Looking for talent

Baumholder Arts and Crafts is looking for talented artists who are interested in selling their handmade craft items at the Summer Blast Aug. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. at Baumholder Arts and Crafts. Artists interested in selling their handcrafted items may rent a table for \$10 now through Aug. 24. The Arts and Crafts Center is located in Upper Wetzell in Building 8895. Space is limited so call soon to make your reservation at mil 485-6687, civ (06783) 6-6687 or by email at [www.artscenter@eur.army.mil](mailto:www.artscenter@eur.army.mil).

### Summer Art Blast

Observe and even try a variety of crafts, including knitting, nature crafts, beading, jewelry making, polymer clay



Photo by Madeleine Dwoiakowski

Soldiers and civilians turn out in force to donate 113 units of blood during the recent blood drive.

## Latest blood drive sees large turnout

The actions of Baumholder Soldiers and families have given 339 people a chance to live. That's how many potential lives could be saved with the 113 units of blood that were collected July 29 at the Hall of Champions.

"Every unit can save up to three lives," said Libby Worman, Baumholder Red Cross station manager.

This was Baumholder's most successful drive since March 2007, and the Red Cross is already planning another drive for October. "We had 141 people sign in to donate and 113 units of whole blood were collected," said Worman.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, by far, was the most active unit during the blood drive. "Their unit had more donors than any other on Baumholder and directly contributed to our success," said Worman.

"This (the 113 units) is over 30 percent of what the Armed Services Blood Bank Center-Europe, based at Landstuhl and part of the Armed Services Blood Program, needs to sustain our mission for one month in support of EUCOM, AFRICOM and contingencies in CENTCOM," said Mike Peacock, blood donor recruiter for

ASBP-Landstuhl."

Another contributing factor to the success of the blood drive was the many volunteers, such as the 11 Soldiers from A Battery, 1st Battalion, 84th Field Artillery, who donated their time to make this the most successful blood drive in three years.

Spouses Gundula Love, Bonny Samsal, Amy Kutska, Ami Hicks, Rosanna Oldham and Brandalyn Harvey also donated their time and baked goods for the blood drive. Assistant Red Cross Station Manager Bridgette Antinozzi and Worman also assisted.

and musical instruments Aug. 28 from noon to 4 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information call mil 485-6687 or civ (06783) 6-6687.

### Free inspection

Get your car ready for winter by visiting the Auto Skills Center every Wednesday in September at 2 p.m. to have the staff perform a safety inspection on your vehicle. Bring along your owner's manual and vehicle registration. Call in advance to make your free appointment.

### Warrior Zone

Single Soldiers are invited to check out the newly opened Warrior Zone from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The area is dedicated as a Soldier-only space offering Xbox, Wii gaming, automatic

massage chairs, Internet access, movie viewing and air hockey. It is located next to the Java Cafe in Building 8667.

### BOSS goes to Italy

BOSS offers a European-wide camping trip to the beach via coach bus Sept. 2-6. The cost is €125 per person and includes a sightseeing trip to Florence for the day for restaurants and shopping as well as a night trip to the local hot spots such as clubs, pubs and discos. This trip is intended for single Soldiers and married couples without dependents. Passports are required. Meals are not included. All participants must bring a tent and other camping necessities. For more information call mil 485-6115.

### Fishing, swimming

A BOSS fishing trip to the Hambachtal resort is scheduled

Aug. 27. No fishing license is required and the cost is €15 per person. The price includes transportation, fishing rods and a one-day permit for the Hambachtal resort with a complete swimming complex at the resort for an additional cost of €6 per person. The bus departs at 2:30 p.m. from the Hall of Champions. Reserve a seat by contacting your unit BOSS representative or Outdoor Recreation at mil 485-7182.

### September trips

The following trips are scheduled in September with Outdoor Recreation:

- Sept. 2-6, White Water Rafting Austria \$432 per person with optional programs such as canyoning, mountain biking, skiing and snowboarding.
- Sept. 9, Bernkastel Kues Wine Fest, \$10 per seat

- Sept. 10-12, overnight canoeing trip on the Sauer River, \$69 per person (includes tents, boat rental, life vest, camping fee, river guides)

- Sept. 11, Rhein in Flames (fireworks), Oberwesel, \$10 per seat

- Sept. 12, Bad Dürkheim Wine Fest, \$10 per seat

- Sept. 18, Rhein in Flames (fireworks), St. Goar, \$10 per seat

- Sept. 19, Bad Dürkheim Wine Fest, \$10 per seat

- Sept. 25, Oktoberfest Munich, \$26 per seat (one-day express trip to Munich for Oktoberfest).





# Summer Fest



For more information on the band go to [Reilleytheband.com](http://Reilleytheband.com)

For more information on the Festaburg go to [Festaburg.com](http://Festaburg.com)

Sponsored by the Festaburg and the Baumholder Chaplains.

## Party

starts  
6:30 p.m.

## Band

starts  
8 p.m.



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Call 0611-7055760

For more information visit  
[ArmyGermany.com](http://ArmyGermany.com)







Director Leann Casey Bjornrud puts the finishing touches on 6-year-old Carter Prisk's character, a cow. Photo left: Nine-year-old Aaron Magowan does his best at acting sad during auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production.

## Young actors light up stage in Missoula production

Story and photos by  
**Jennifer Clampet**

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden  
Public Affairs Office

The chickens, cows, sheep and donkeys huddled in the corner awaiting their stage debuts.

The young faces that poked out from behind the yellow, white and brown costumes beamed with smiles.

And as soon as the directors gave the signal, the farm animals stampeded across the Wiesbaden Middle School gymnasium stage.

"You can see the joy in their faces," said Casey Bjornrud, a director with the Missoula Children's Theatre.

MCT is an international tour project that brings the performing arts to gymnasium floors and auditoriums around the world enlisting only the acting abilities of local children.

Brought to the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden community through the SKIES Unlimited Program, MCT held two shows of its "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast" musical

production on July 31 at Wiesbaden Middle School.

More than 50 Wiesbaden garrison school-age children participated in the country twist of the fairy-tale story "Beauty and the Beast."

From the singing number "Wish upon a Wishbone" to a show-stopping dog, the play garnered smiles and laughs from parents and young audience members.

"These kids are amazingly talented," said Bjornrud as she ran around backstage prepping

children's makeup.

Bjornrud and Jen Weisphal, who played Buckaroo Bonnie, traveled with the MCT to direct Wiesbaden garrison's child-focused production.

The program began with auditions of more than 60 garrison youths who were asked to state their names and ages in various modes of emotions — happy, sad and even with a little attitude.

Aaron Magowan, 9, buried his head into hands during his audition pretending to weep as

he recited his name and age. His fellow actors giggled and laughed around him.

After just one week of rehearsals, the cast members took to the stage singing, dancing, reciting lines and hitting their marks.

As the herd of farm animals circled the stage and returned to their darkened area behind the backdrop, the youngest actors smiled and sighed.

And they sat in anxious silence for their next cue to take to the stage.

## Construction .....

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The long-awaited Army Lodge at Hainerberg Housing is expected to be completed by late fall and is currently undergoing work to correct deficiencies identified during the final inspections. The \$35-million facility is a four-story glass, steel and concrete hotel complex that will have 164 rooms — 64 standard, 92 family and eight extended stay rooms — and will assume the function of the American Arms Hotel.

"Once the deficiencies are corrected FMWR (Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation) will begin to install the furniture, and have it ready to open in about three months," said Roger Gerber, U.S. Army Garrison transformation stationing management officer. "The contractor has made a good-faith effort to fix the deficiencies over the past few weeks."

As projects are completed, the progression of others becomes more visible.

Cranes and bulldozers are in place and actively reshaping the terrain just beyond the southern entrance to Wiesbaden Army Airfield to construct

326 housing units in the space that was recently farm fields, military recreation fields and storage and the excavation site where Roman, Iron- and Bronze Age artifacts were unearthed. The housing project is on track to be completed by May 2012.

"It will be part of the overall Wiesbaden housing inventory, open to anybody assigned to the Wiesbaden community," said Gerber, who added that the project will showcase the excavation artifacts including signs and markings to identify discovery points.

Additional transformation activities comprise a host of projects in progress in the community's housing areas that consist of renovation of housing units to resize single units to enlarge living spaces.

"This was basically a facelift that right-sized housing units adding more bedrooms and enlarging kitchen and dining room areas. Buildings that previously were 18-unit facilities are now 12," said Gerber.

Also roof repair, exterior work, waterproofing of basement areas, repair and painting of stairwell common areas,



**Cranes tower over the site of the new Command and Battle Center on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.**

construction of new playgrounds, light demolition work and electrical, heating and information technology line upgrades are the composite of other happenings in the residential areas.

"We understand it's a major disruption, and we are trying to minimize

that by making every effort to provide information and hold town hall meetings to allow residents opportunities to give feedback," said Gerber. "Current quality-of-life repairs and upgrades to Army family housing in Hainerberg and Aukamm should be completed before Thanksgiving."

Driving through Hainerberg Housing, residents should also notice major construction underway at Wiesbaden High School. The current project includes the construction of a new gymnasium, a special curriculum area and a multipurpose room, including a cafeteria. Completion of the project is planned for the summer of 2012.

While the list is extensive, it is not exhaustive. Future large-scale projects to erect a Post Exchange and commissary are on the horizon. Details regarding the projects will be provided as the project start dates near. Stay informed on what's happening regarding transformation and construction in the community by logging on to the garrison's Transformation Update page at [www.wiesbaden.army.mil/sites/directorates/transformation.asp](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil/sites/directorates/transformation.asp).



## Explore SKIES, explore world of possibilities

By Jennifer Clampet

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Public Affairs Office

From cattle rustling to being a professional ballerina, SKIES Unlimited program instructors are bringing a world of instruction to U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden youths.

Erika Bettencourt was a professional dancer. Kathy Wissel grew up on a ranch in Colorado. So how did they end up in Germany teaching children the basics of their crafts?

Each found a niche within SKIES Unlimited, a program that offers activities, camps and classes for Army children and youth. The Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills program is designed to give youth access to programs that expand their knowledge and encourages exploration of new subjects.

“That’s what we’re trying to instill in kids,” said Laurie Schmitt, instructional program specialist with the Wiesbaden Child, Youth and School Services. “There’s more to life than just video games and TV.”

Schmitt is looking for interesting and unusual subject matter teachers for the coming sessions of SKIES in Wiesbaden. Think astronomy or tennis, rock climbing or skateboarding. Instructors don’t need higher degrees in order to teach. They just need a passion, experience, a commitment to education and a knack for working with children.

“You’d be amazed how much they learn,” said Wissel of her horseback riding students who usually range in age from 5 to 10 years old. “They change. I think they become happier after the classes. They learn about the animals, and they learn to have a friend.”

Wissel has more than 60 years of experience working with horses. Her days were spent growing up with horses—plowing, riding and checking the cattle. Wissel, a retired program analyst with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, moved to Germany in 1978. In the last three decades, Wissel has built up her horse riding passion in Germany. She owns 22 horses which are stabled in Steinbach and a Western riding club.

In her six-week horseback riding class for SKIES, Wissel teaches children how to groom, feed and ride a horse.

“It’s all about the enjoyment of watching the children develop and having fun with the horses,” said Wissel.

At age 19, Bettencourt was a professional dancer. She had the training, the technique and the drive to pose her body in ways that takes years of dedication to perfect.

Now a mother of two young daughters, she passes that love for dance onto the younger generations of hopeful ballerinas.

A small girl twirled around in her sparkling blue top and princess skirt as Bettencourt gave reminders about princess behavior and curtsying during a Fairytale Camp.

“I think the ability to just get on stage and do something like (dance) is definitely a confidence-boosting activity,” said Bettencourt.



Kathy Wissel teaches horseback riding to U.S. Army Garrison youth through the Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Unlimited program.

Wissel and Bettencourt praised the SKIES program and Schmitt for the opportunity to teach.

“(Laurie Schmitt) walked me through the process and it was easier than I thought,” said Bettencourt who also noted the pay was good and the scheduling of classes made it easy for her to spend time with family and still keep up with classes.

Schmitt said the most intimidating part of becoming a SKIES instructor is taking the first steps in the recruitment process. The instructor requirements including resume, class proposal, background check, CPR certification and insurance coverage are available online at [www.armygermany.com](http://www.armygermany.com) by clicking on SKIES Unlimited under the USAG Wiesbaden facilities link.

Aside from those requirements, Schmitt provided the following characteristics she looks for in a SKIES instructor: self motivation, good people and organization skills, ability to plan own curriculum and schedule, interest in working and interacting with children and master-level knowledge of the subject being taught.

“It’s about wanting to hand down talent to a younger generation,” said Schmitt.

## A blossoming gift of thanks

Carl-Michael Baum with the city of Wiesbaden’s Lord Mayor’s office presents an apple tree to youths, including 6-year-old Amare Francois, at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Child Development Center and School-Age Center Aug. 4. The tree, which will be planted in the SAC garden, was a gift from Lord Mayor Helmut Müller for the youths’ guided tour of the CDC and SAC facilities on WAAF in July.



Photo by Jennifer Clampet

## Garrison rewards customer service

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden leaders awarded the following employees for excellent customer service for the months of June and July. All awardees received a certificate of appreciation; civilians received an on-the-spot cash award; Soldiers received a three-day pass.

The following were acknowledged by customers who submitted comments to the Interactive Customer Evaluation system and coworkers:

**Guadalupe Alvarado**, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, training and support specialist;

**Bryan Champon**, DFMWR, food and beverage attendant;

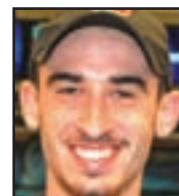
**Lennie Mattis**, Directorate of Human Resources, motor vehicle operator and work leader;

**Capt. Jason Moran**, Wiesbaden Health Clinic optometrist;

**Petty Paschall**, DFMWR, CYSS program assistant;



Alvarado



Champon



Mattis



Moran



Paschall



Sansone

**Ami Sansone**, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Child and Youth Service program associate.

Nominations are submitted monthly to the Customer Management Services officer and are evaluated by a committee that comprises representatives from garrison directorates and staff agencies. Employees become eligible after completing customer service training. Call mil 337-6337 or 5507 for more information.



# MPs train Iraqis on convoy operations

**Story and photo**

**by Sgt. Phillip Valentine**

**366th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment**

Soldiers from 501st Military Police Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Division, trained members of 6th Iraqi Army Div., on reacting to improvised explosive devices at Contingency Operating Location Constitution July 26.

This training, involving improvised explosive device detection while on foot and while operating vehicles, was only the second day of a four-day event. The Iraqi soldiers in attendance had training like this in the past and have been out on the roads for quite some time. This instruction was meant to reinforce the Iraqis' already solid knowledge on the topics and to gain insight from the MPs who travel the roads of Baghdad on a regular basis. But not all of the instruction was U.S. driven; the Iraqis shared their practical knowledge as well.

"We both share the same experiences," said Spc. Jeromey Abbott, a San Antonio native and gunner assigned to 501st MP Co. "There are a lot of IEDs out there so it helps to share stories and experiences. We learn a lot from each other."

The training exercise started off with a class displaying various simulated IEDs: showing what they look like, how they may be placed and what they are capable of doing, both to vehicles and people. During the class,



**Staff Sgt. Joshua Dowell, 501st Military Police Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Division, points out a hidden, simulated improvised explosive device to members of 6th Iraqi Army Division.**

After the IED identification class was complete, the Iraqi soldiers were split into two groups. One group was led to a road that had imitation IEDs hidden along the route and the other group loaded into vehicles and discussed actions upon contact while

the Iraqi soldiers showed their interest by asking several questions and inspecting the fake IEDs as they were passed around.

"They come here enthused for their training," said Abbott. "Whatever we teach them, I hope it sticks as they head off into the field."

Several Iraqi soldiers agreed that they always expect something; they check everything, on the ground and above. Anything could be an IED.

operating a vehicle in a convoy.

The primary instructor for the IED identification lane, Staff Sgt. Joshua Dowell, a Spring Hill, Fla., native, and squad leader assigned to 501st MP Co., discussed the intent of the training.

"We are trying to get them to look for devices or anything out of the ordinary; to get them into the mindset so they can operate," said Dowell. "Their goal is to find everything they are looking for, and our goal is to help prevent them from getting hurt or killed in future missions."

He also said he felt working with the Iraqi Security Forces is helping create a better, safer Iraq, which helps U.S. Soldiers get back to their families safely. During the convoy training, the Iraqis received instruction on what to do if they encounter an IED while on patrol.

"Much of their convoy training is about prevention," said 1st Lt. Charles Stevens, a New York City native and platoon leader assigned to 501st MP Co., describing the training objective. "The few hours a day we put into training the Iraqi soldiers equals numerous hours of continuous safety to the citizens of Iraq."

After a successful day of training, Stevens said he was impressed with the Iraqi soldiers and the progress they have made.

"It's nice to see how far they have come in the last couple of years," he said. "We are not here to train them in something completely new, but to help

them go farther in their mission to secure Iraq."



## Are you ready for moving day?

The Wiesbaden Legal Assistance Office offers tips on keeping your records organized and within reach during a PCS move.

### Start with high-value items

Sit down and write out a list of what you consider to be your high-value items. Some hints to figure out what is high value include if you watch it, listen to it, check your email with it, play movies or games with it, entertain with it, so proud that you don't let anyone touch it or could not imagine tomorrow without it.

If you realize your high-value item list includes phones, cameras, iPods, money, jewelry and things of that nature, consider hand carrying these items to your next location as some of these items will not be covered for repair or replacement under the claims process.

### Make a list

Create a list with seven columns with the following headings: item, manufacturer, make, model, serial number,

purchase price and purchase date. As you list an item, fill in the columns, take a picture of the item front, back and of the label with the specific information on it.

If you have the original receipt for the item, put it in a pile for the receipts. If the item is electronic and you have a camera with movie record mode, record the item working and functioning (do this on the day of the pack out). This can rebut a claim that the condition was unknown at shipment time.

### Keep track of your records

Don't put your inventory list and receipts in the briefcase that the movers pack. Take the receipts and your list and scan them to a file on your computer and email the file to your personal email account. Hand carry receipts, photos, the list and other important documents.

### Keep your items in good condition

If you are shipping a bicycle and you do not have your original box, see if your local

exchange or store has a box from a bicycle. Boxes designed for the item can protect the item and secure it for the move. The same concept applies for many of the larger flat-screen televisions and surround-sound systems. The packing foam and crates within the containers are designed for your system specifically and can be used to pack your items in other boxes securely.

### On moving day

The day before your move ensure that you have adequate water, cups and things of that nature for you and your movers. Happy movers move and care for your items better than dehydrated and disgruntled movers.

Before any move, check with your transportation office and seek guidance from your legal office for the most current claims information and guidance. For additional guidance, call the Wiesbaden Legal Office at mil 337-4714 /4711. (Courtesy of the Wiesbaden Legal Assistance Office)



**Photo by Sgt. Phillip Valentine**

## Seeing in the dark

**Pfc. Holden Sullivan, an electronic equipment specialist assigned to 146th Signal Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Armored Division, makes adjustments to a pair of night vision goggles at the Communications and Electronics Shop on Camp Liberty July 29.**



## AFAP issues . . . . .

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right? What are we missing?

These questions compelled the workforce to provide valuable feedback that helps us sustain the Army Family Covenant. Because of your voice and the Army's commitment to taking care of Soldiers, civilians and families, you have added to the 27-year history of the Army Family Action Plan's quality-of-life improvements, enabling us to do the right things the right way and fix things that were missing.

One of the greatest achievements of the recent AFAP General Officer Steering Committee is resolving 27 of 40 quality-of-life issues. The GOSC, composed of Department of Defense officials, Army leaders and field representatives, reviewed some tough issues that require resources, legislation and policy changes. In the end, the resolutions expanded Soldier entitlements and civilian employment;

enhanced medical and family support; and improved facilities and relocation services for the Soldiers and civilians who support our nation and the families who support them.

The AFAP is a year-round process that begins at the installation or unit level and is the pre-eminent means for commanders at all levels to learn of and seek solutions for the concerns of their communities. Currently, the Army is the only service with a program like AFAP.

Because of your voice, the Army is able to dedicate child and youth spaces to accommodate our special needs children at Child, Youth and School Services facilities. Garrison commanders now have the authority to designate areas within their community for immediate special needs child care. This resolution supports Soldier and family well-being.

Our pledge to improve family readiness is evident in the

resolution of issue No. 562, an efficient and seamless delivery of family support services with Army One Source. This is a significant approach to reaching out to families. Information about Army family programs, health care benefits, education and recreation is available online at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com), and is easily accessible by Soldiers and families — regardless of geographic location. This one-stop shop for Army information is available for members of the active and reserve components.

We are ensuring excellence in schools through an online, one-on-one tutoring service for Army affiliated students. Family members in grades K-12 can receive live online assistance with math, science, language and introductory college-level courses. This worldwide service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com).

Providing additional support to surviving families with enhanced survivor family dental benefits was also attained. Surviving children can now maintain coverage in the Tricare Dental Plan through age 21, or age 23, if they are full-time college students.

Additionally, an issue requesting around-the-clock child care was resolved. The Army funded 24/7 child care facilities at 11 installations, based on installation missions and projected demand. Family Child Care homes provide the same services at the remaining installations.

We have made great strides, but the committee agreed that six AFAP recommendations cannot be resolved because of resource constraints, lack of legislative support or other factors. However, we decided to continue pursuing seven agenda items, such as increasing weight allowances for relocating families and boosting medical retirement pay for some disabled Soldiers.

Above all, the AFAP continues to turn possibilities into realities. Since the first AFAP conference in 1983, we have established standards for child care, increased single Soldier programs, granted paternity leave for new military fathers and expanded educational benefits for families.

This grassroots process identifies and elevates the most significant QOL issues that affect Soldiers, retirees, civilians and families. Information provided

through the AFAP process gives commanders and leaders insight into current satisfaction detractors, QOL needs and expectations of the Army community. Leaders use the information to effect changes that improve standards of living and support programs. These changes foster a satisfied, informed and resilient Army community.

We are entering a new era in AFAP. As the assistant chief of staff for installation management, I am committed to ensuring all recommendations are thoroughly analyzed to determine if they are realistically achievable. To that end, I will be meeting with the Army staff proponents each month to analyze eight to 10 issues.

I want to include the entire Army Family in this process by keeping them informed of the progress of each issue. As such, I invite you to visit the Army One Source website at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com), and select the Family Programs and Services menu to activate the AFAP active issue search feature. Here, you can enter keywords to find related active issues, or insert an issue number to see a specific issue.

You may also search by subject area, demographic group or geographic area to see what we are doing to improve quality of life for those we serve. I will also keep you informed by publishing monthly updates and postings to my Facebook page.

I encourage you to continue asking these three fundamental questions about our programs and services: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?

If you answer "no" to the first two questions or you think we are missing something, get involved and become part of the solution for improving the Army's home — your home. Reading history is educational, but getting involved and making important history is an exceptional way of providing exceptional support to the Soldiers, civilians and families in our home.

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## Community notes ... Community notes

### Travel Office contract changes again

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Building 1023W, Rooms 116 and 117. Call mil 337-5046, civ (0611) 977 340 or email [wiesbadenCTO@cwtsatotravel.com](mailto:wiesbadenCTO@cwtsatotravel.com). For travel occurring within 48 hours, call the office. For travel reservations more than 48 hours in advance submit a reserva-

tion request electronically. The reservation request form can be found at [www.CWTSatoTravel.com](http://www.CWTSatoTravel.com) (check the U.S. Force Europe Travelers section). Leisure travel services can be arranged by visiting the CWT/SatoTravel leisure travel website at [www.europe.satovacations.com](http://www.europe.satovacations.com).

### Community Open House Aug. 24

A Wiesbaden Community Open House will be held Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Army Community Service in Hainerberg Housing. The event will feature representatives from garrison resource agencies, prizes and more. The event will be sponsored by ACS and the Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club. Call mil 335-5254 or civ (0611) 408-0254 for details.

### Get CPR certified

The Wiesbaden American Red Cross holds a cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification course Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$40. Stop by the Red Cross Office in Building 1023E (third floor) on Wiesbaden Army Airfield or call civ (0611) 705-1760 to register.

### Revival at Hainerberg Chapel

Prayer Warriors of Wiesbaden present the "Wiesbaden Fall of Fire Revival" Aug. 27-29 at the Hainerberg Chapel starting at 7 p.m. each night. Call Dr. Dericklyn Russell-Parker at civ (0611) 585 3957 for more information.

### Spiritual fitness pillars

Wiesbaden's Religious Support Operations Office features several special events in September. These include a "Heaven on Earth" combined ecumenical service and fellowship (open to all) Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Hainerberg

Chapel; a "Rest in the Storm" Workshop (for community caregivers) Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at the Wiesbaden Entertainment Center; an "Addicted to Hurry" Workshop (for women and Protestant Women of the Chapel members) Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel; and an "Addicted to Hurry" Luncheon (open to all) Sept. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Wiesbaden Dining Facility. Call mil 337-1370 or civ (0611) 705-1370 for more information.

### Army Career and Alumni Program

The Army Career and Alumni Program provides counseling and a wide range of transition and job search information and referral services for Soldiers, spouses, veterans, retirees and civilians. Assistance includes pre-separation counseling, transition assistance, Veterans Affairs benefits briefings, disabled transition assistance, advanced resume writing and preparing for job interviews. For more information call mil 337-5709/5944 or civ (0611) 705-5709/5944.

### Job and Career Expo

A Job and Career Expo will be held Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Activity Center on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

### Girl Scouts camping/registration day

The Wiesbaden Girl Scouts hold a Rheinblick camping and registration day Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will include a family potluck dinner at 5

p.m. Activities include tent assembly, dutch oven cooking, hiking safety, day pack essentials, archery, mountain biking, outdoor cooking, arts and crafts, song learning and skits. Cost is \$25 for registered Girl Scouts and \$37 for non-registered Girl Scouts. For more information send an email to [cindykayfry@yahoo.com](mailto:cindykayfry@yahoo.com).

### Help military retirees

The Retirement Services Office seeks volunteers to assist military retirees and their widows with questions ranging from installation access to obtaining ID cards, shopping to customs requirements. Someone with some knowledge of these programs, including Social Security and Veterans Affairs knowledge, would be preferred, but all are welcome to volunteer. Call John Herron at civ (0611) 705-7668 to get involved.

### Digital Training Facility

Looking for a place to conduct training? Why not contact the local Joint Multinational Training Command, Digital Training Facility, located in Building 1638 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield? The facility has three air-conditioned classrooms with 17 multi-media computer workstations with Internet access, noise-canceling headsets and video teletraining capability. The classrooms also offer the ideal location for individuals seeking a quiet place to work online on self-development courses. Call mil 337-5074 for more information.



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### New pedestrian gate

Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Antiterrorism Office explain the workings of the new Enhanced Security Pedestrian Gate on Wiesbaden Army Airfield during a training session Aug. 9. The gate, which provides access and exit for pedestrians between Heer Strasse (by the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Child Development Center) and the Domäne Mechtildshausen, requires the use of a valid ID or installation access card registered through the Installation Access Control System. Pedestrians must swipe the bar code on their cards with the photo facing the door before being granted access to the booth. Once inside, the user will be asked to place his or her finger (the finger registered with IACS) on a scanner to be read, allowing exit from the booth. In the event that the operation is unsuccessful, pedestrians can press a call button alerting Pond's Security guards at the main gate that assistance is required. Instructions are in place at the gate, security officials said, adding that pedestrians must still go to one of the primary access gates to sign in guests who may not use the pedestrian gate. Pedestrians should only use the gate one at a time (except in the instance of those with pets or small children without ID cards).

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## Back to school

### School contacts

Below is contact information for school principals, school liaison officers, school bus offices and district superintendents who steer Department of Defense Dependents Schools in U.S. Army Garrisons Baumholder and Wiesbaden. The Heidelberg District Superintendent's Office is responsible for the four schools in the Wiesbaden area and the Kaiserslautern DSO oversees the three schools in the Baumholder area.

#### District Superintendents

**Heidelberg District:** Frank Roehl, mil 388-9383, civ (05221) 759-02312.

Assistant Superintendent: Steve Sanchez.

**Kaiserslautern District:** Dr. Dell McMullen, mil 489-6339/6848, civ (0631) 536-6848/6339.

Assistant Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Dunham.

#### USAG Baumholder

**Schools Officer:** Pamela Johnson, mil 485-6968, civ (06783) 6-6968.

**Smith Elementary School:** mil 485-7589, civ (06783) 6-7589.

Principal: Dr. Darren Johnson; Assistant Principal: Michelle Woodfork.

**Wetzel Elementary School:** mil 485-7492/6416, civ (06783) 6-7492/6416.

Principal: Helen Hughes-Balilo; Assistant Principal: Cathy Marziali.

**Baumholder Middle High School:** mil 485-7590, civ (06783) 6-7590.

Principal: Danny Robinson; Assistant Principal: Richard Jimenez.

**School Bus Office:** Located in Building 8801, Room 14 at Baumholder Middle High School. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (once school begins). Call civ (06783) 3054.

#### USAG Wiesbaden

**Schools Officer:** Peter Witmer, mil 335-5129; civ (0611) 408-0129.

**Hainerberg Elementary School:** mil 335-5354, civ (0611) 4080-354.

Principal: Penelope A. Miller-Smith; Assistant Principal: Bradford "Brad" Seadore.

**Aukamm Elementary School:** mil 337-6261, civ (0611) 705-6261.

Principal: Sue Gurley.

**Wiesbaden Middle School:** mil 335-5373, civ (0611) 4080-373.

Principal: Chuck Fannin.

**Wiesbaden High School:** mil 335-5351, civ (0611) 4080-351.

Principal: Sharon O'Donnell; Assistant Principal: Colleen Larkin.

**School Bus Office:** Located in small, red building next to the Wiesbaden Middle School entrance in Hainerberg Housing. Hours are 8:20 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. and 3:10-4 p.m. Call civ (0611) 4080-382, mil 335-5382.

# Schools set to start . . . . .

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year, schools worldwide will undergo construction and renovation projects aimed at modernizing school facilities.

"DoDDs is going to do everything it needs to do to keep the schools up and running until they're replaced," said Bill McGann, facilities manager for the Wiesbaden schools. The \$3.7 billion, multi-year Military Construction program is designed to bring all 970 Department of Defense Education Activity school facilities up to acceptable quality standards.

Projects in the Wiesbaden area include a new gymnasium at Wiesbaden High School and plans to replace the Hainerberg Elementary and Wiesbaden Middle schools.

#### Baumholder schools

##### Baumholder Middle High School

"We're looking forward to another great year," said Assistant Principal Richard Jimenez as he and fellow administrators geared up for the first day of school at Baumholder Middle High School. Both he and Principal Danny Robinson return to lead the staff at the Baumholder school which was seeing early enrollment numbers at about 250 students, he said, down from last year.

Jimenez said administrators expected more parents to come in the coming weeks. "Please come in and register as soon as possible," said Jimenez, explaining that having the correct enrollment numbers is crucial to ensuring adequate staffing.

Parents and students are invited to a new student orientation at the school Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. where they can pick up class schedules. "Free hot dogs will also be available," he said.

##### Wetzel Elementary School

Both Principal Helen Hughes-Balilo and Assistant Principal Cathy Marziali return at the helm of Wetzel Elementary School (*Editor's note: Hughes-Balilo named DoDEA Principal of the Year and Micheline Huntley honored as Teacher of the Year — see page 7*).

"Our school is open and ready to go — and we're ready for another great year," said Hughes-Balilo. "Our registration is down a little bit — but a lot of new people are coming in."

Like the middle high school, Wetzel did not see any major construction projects during the summer months, she added.

##### Smith Elementary School

Administration of Smith Elementary School also sees no turnover this school year, with Dr. Darren Johnson returning as principal and Michelle Woodfork remaining in place as assistant principal.

A Meet and Greet will be held for parents and students Aug. 27 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the school.

Administrators said the school will implement a new lunch hour approach this school year allowing students to attend recess before eating lunch. The change is aimed at improved playground and cafeteria behavior.

"As we prepare for the deployment we are mindful of the stresses that families and children



#### Students will soon be back to hitting the books and exploring technology. Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe resume session Aug.

may experience," said the school's principal. "If you are concerned about your child, please speak with one of our excellent counselors, Natarsha Baker or Natasha Turner. In addition, we have a full-time family psychologist and a part-time school psychologist to help with the needs of children and families."

#### Kaiserslautern DSO

DoDDS-Europe's Kaiserslautern District, which oversees schools in Baumholder, welcomes new District Superintendent Dr. Dell McMullen (*Editor's note: See McMullen's welcome message on page 6*). McMullen, who began teaching with the Muscogee County School District in Columbus, Ga., in 1973, has served as the superintendent of the Georgia/Alabama District since 2002.

Dr. Elizabeth Dunham is the Kaiserslautern District's assistant superintendent.

#### Wiesbaden schools

##### Aukamm Elementary School

Aukamm Elementary School saw the complete renovation of seven classrooms on its first floor. The remodels included fresh paint and new ceilings, floors and cabinets.

"And by the time school starts, we hope to have SMART Boards in every classroom," said

Principal Sue Gurley who began her first year at Aukamm Elementary School.

The interactive whiteboard is the latest technology popping up in the classrooms.

"It's an interactive whiteboard that's engaged in the curriculum. We have 24 years of experience as an administrator with DoD."

Aukamm invites parents to a new student orientation Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. and Sept. 7 starting at 5 p.m.

##### Hainerberg Elementary School

Hainerberg Elementary School saw new science lab construction along with a leveled-literacy program. It also had security upgrades including new cameras and monitors.

"Visitors are only seen through the main door. The facilities manager for Wiesbaden schools is security upgrades are for all schools."

Hainerberg Elementary School Principal Penelope Miller-Smith will be over after the departure of her husband. Miller-Smith has 20 years of experience teaching in the U.S. and is currently working on her





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Bradford “Brad” Seadore returns as the  
school’s assistant principal.

Hainerberg hosts a new student orientation  
Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. and an open house Sept. 2  
at 1 p.m.

## Wiesbaden Middle School

Wiesbaden Middle School welcomes Chuck  
Fannin as the new principal. He replaces Alexia  
Venglik who retired after five years as Wiesbaden  
High’s principal and more than 20 years as an  
educator. Fannin comes to Wiesbaden from the  
Anchorage School District in Anchorage, Ala.  
He has 25 years of experience as an educator.

Wiesbaden Middle School students can ex-  
pect to enjoy a closed campus this year with lunch  
being served in the new cafeteria. The school  
is also switching to a new student management  
system for more effective tracking of students.  
School officials ask for parents’ patience with the  
new system which may impact student schedul-  
ing and registration.

The middle school holds a new student ori-  
entation Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. and an open house  
Sept. 8 at 4 p.m.

## Wiesbaden High School

Wiesbaden High School is undergoing some  
major construction as crews work on the two-year  
project of building a brand new gymnasium.

“There’ll be a lot of adjustment,” said Prin-  
cipal Sharon O’Donnell, who returns for her  
second year at Wiesbaden High.

Students are asked to follow the signs and  
avoid construction zones. Students will enter the  
high school through Gate 9 near the new back  
parking lot and buses will follow a new pattern  
for picking up and dropping off students.

O’Donnell added that parents should be aware  
that parking will be extremely limited. Because  
of the construction and shuffling around of some  
classrooms, the high school band program will  
be held in Wiesbaden Middle School.

“We won’t let construction affect the cur-  
riculum,” O’Donnell said.

And the school’s Air Force JROTC program  
will stick around for one more school year before  
transitioning into an Army JROTC program.

Colleen Larkin returns as the school’s as-  
sistant principal.

Wiesbaden High holds a new student orienta-  
tion Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. and an open house Sept.  
9 at 5:30 p.m.

## Heidelberg DSO

The DoDDS-Europe Heidelberg District wel-  
comes back District Superintendent Frank Roehl  
(*Editor’s note: See Roehl’s welcome message on  
page 2*) and incoming Assistant Superintendent  
Steve Sanchez, who most recently served as the  
principal of Kubasaki High School in Japan.

## For more information

Information and links to local schools are  
available by visiting the garrison’s home page  
at [www.wiesbaden.army.mil](http://www.wiesbaden.army.mil), clicking on the  
“Links” link at the top of the page and then the  
“DoDEA (With links to local schools)” link.  
For information on school supplies needed visit  
[www.eu.dodea.edu/home/supplies.php](http://www.eu.dodea.edu/home/supplies.php).

Photo by Jennifer Clampet

# Know the rules for rid- ing a bus to school



Going to school is like riding ... well a school bus. You never really forget the rules.

But for parents of Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe students who are  
new to the system, there are a few school bus rules that make riding in DoDDS-Europe a  
different experience.

## Your child needs a bus pass

Parents need to register their children for bus passes. The distance from the residence to  
the assigned school determines whether children walk or ride the bus to school. The distances  
are one mile for elementary students and 1.5 miles for secondary-level students. To register  
for a bus pass, visit the Wiesbaden or Baumholder school bus offices.

## What happened to the yellow school bus?

DoDDS-E does not own buses or employ drivers. The buses transporting DoDDS students  
are European-style tour or transit coaches marked with international school bus signs. For  
the most part DoDDS-E contracts with host-nation commercial companies for transportation  
services.

## The school bus driver

Bus drivers are not required to speak English, only the host-nation language. Buses are  
equipped with two-way communications linking drivers to the contractor’s central control  
station. Drivers are also not responsible for enforcing good order and discipline on the bus.  
The driver’s job is to operate the bus safely.

## The traffic won’t stop

In Europe vehicle traffic is not required to stop for loading and unloading school buses.  
American children are reminded to never cross the street in front of or behind the school  
bus. DODDS-E also reminds parents that bus transportation is a privilege and not a right or  
entitlement. A student’s behavior will result in disciplinary action to include temporary or  
permanent suspension of bus privileges.

Additional bus safety information can be viewed at [www.eu.dodea.edu/transportation](http://www.eu.dodea.edu/transportation).  
(Courtesy of DoDDS-Europe)

## Behavior standards for school bus students:

On and around school buses students will:

1. Comply with all school rules with the “Behavior Standards for School Bus Students.”
2. Board and exit the bus in an orderly, safe manner.
3. Present bus pass when boarding the bus and upon demand.
4. Remain seated while on the bus.
5. Talk with other passengers in a normal voice.
6. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus windows.
7. Keep aisles, steps and empty seats free from obstruction.
8. Remain fully and properly clothed.
9. Treat the driver and fellow students with respect.
10. Promptly comply with the bus driver’s or monitor’s instructions.
11. Treat the bus and other private property with care.

## On or around school buses, students will not:

1. Fight, push, shove or trip other passengers.
2. Use or possess unacceptable items identified in the school “Code of Conduct.”
3. Push while boarding, on or exiting the bus.
4. Get on or off the bus while the bus is in motion.
5. Make excessive noise or play electronic equipment without earplugs.
6. Put objects out of bus windows or hang out of windows.
7. Engage in horseplay.
8. Obstruct aisles, steps or seats.
9. Engage in public displays of affection.
10. Eat, drink or litter on the bus.
11. Use profane or abusive language or make obscene gestures.
12. Spit or bite.
13. Harass, bully or interfere with other students.
14. Disrespect, distract or interfere with the bus driver.
15. Damage private property.
16. Sit in the bus driver’s seat or touch bus operating devices or equipment.
17. Open or try to open bus door.
18. Throw or shoot objects inside or out of bus.
19. Tamper with bus controls or emergency equipment.
20. Violate any other school rule, law or military installation regulation.





**Sp. Ronald Kluck, 4-70th Armor, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, claims second place during Baumholder's New Rock Softball Tournament July 31.**

## Baumholder hosts Europe-wide softball tournament

**Story and photos by Pfc. Nathan Goodall**  
170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team  
Public Affairs Office

Soldiers and spouses from across Europe competed in the two-day New Rock Softball Tournament at Baumholder's Soldier Field July 31 and Aug. 2.

Nine men's teams and eight women's teams from military installations in Europe competed in the garrison-level, invitational tournament.

"These guys are the best of the best on their post," said Sgt. Brian Bridge, a squad leader with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Bat-



**Sp. Jordan Rix, 4-70th Armor, 170th IBCT, knocks one away during the Baumholder tournament.**

talion, 70th Armor Regiment, 170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and the coach for U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder's men's softball team.

The two Air Force teams that competed, Morning Wood and Ramstein, took the top two spots for the men's teams in the tournament with Morning Wood taking first place and Ramstein coming in second.

Baumholder's men's team came in fourth place after a series of games against some of the top teams in Europe.

"We were slated to play Ramstein first, which is the best team in Europe," said Pfc. Elias Serrano, a petroleum supply specialist with HHC, 4-70th Armor, 170th IBCT, and the third baseman for USAG Baumholder's men's softball team. "And we beat them."

"That doesn't happen a lot," said Bridge. "Ramstein has only lost four games this whole season, and they've played in about 15 tournaments."

After beating Ramstein, Baumholder moved on to face Stuttgart and Grafenwöhr, the top two Army teams in Europe. After losing to Stuttgart, Baumholder came back on the second day of the tournament to beat Grafenwöhr.

"It was extremely satisfying to know that we could actually compete and beat some of the top teams in Europe," said Sgt. 1st Class Richard Reynolds, the battalion master gunner for HHC, 4-70th Armor, 170th IBCT, and a left-center fielder for Baumholder. "Our team has come a pretty long way from when we first started going to tournaments."

Baumholder's women's garrison-level softball team slid into last place in the tournament. The top spots for the women's teams went to Ramstein and Stuttgart, with Ramstein earning first place and Stuttgart placing second.

The tournament was just the beginning for Baumholder's home games, said Serrano.

"Everybody who came out said they loved it out here," said Serrano. "So definitely expect some more in the future."

## Sports shorts

### Coaches needed

Coaches and officials are needed for sporting events in Baumholder. Call the Baumholder Sports Office at civ (06783) 6-6671 or mil 485-7176.

### Charity golf tourney

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity hosts a four-person team scramble charity golf tournament to benefit student scholarships Sept. 2 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Wiesbaden's Rheinblick Golf Course. Cost is €50 including greens fee, hamburger meal and use of balls, clubs and a power cart. Pay entry fee by Aug. 24 to be eligible for drawings of hotel vouchers and gifts. Email [gac@kapsigermany.com](mailto:gac@kapsigermany.com) or call Keith Cromartie at civ (0160) 5833 779.

### Wiesbaden hockey club

Hockey players and fans of the Wiesbaden military community are looking to start a Wiesbaden hockey club/team. Anyone who is age 17 or older, male or female, is welcome. All skill levels are accepted, even if you have never played and want to learn. We are also looking for anyone interested in coaching new ice and inline hockey players. Call civ (0151) 11655 7161 or email [wiesbadenadlerclub@hotmail.com](mailto:wiesbadenadlerclub@hotmail.com).

### Hispanic Heritage Boxing

A Hispanic Heritage Month Boxing Tournament will be held Sept. 25 at the Wiesbaden Fitness Center with bouts starting at 7 p.m. Boxer registration is from 9 a.m. to noon that day. Stop by the Wiesbaden Fitness Center or call mil 337-5541 for more information.

### Intramural flag football tourney

Baumholder holds an intramural flag football tournament Sept. 13-16 at Soldier Field. Sign up by Sept. 8 at the Hall of Champions.

### Wrestling officials clinic

The Center of Excellence Training Center in Schwetzingen holds a wrestling officials clinic and invitational tournament Sept. 15-18. Sign up at Baumholder's Hall of Champions.

### Water aerobics

Baumholder holds water aerobics classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Baumholder Aquatics Facility, Building 8897. The class is open to adults and youths age 13 and older participating with a parent. Cost is \$4 per person or \$30 for 10 classes. Buy cards at the Arts and Crafts Center in Building 8895. Call mil 485-7093 for details.

### Fall sports registration

Wiesbaden Child, Youth and School Services invites youths to sign up for tackle and flag football, soccer and cheerleading. Call Parent Central Services at civ (0611) 408-7928 or email [wiesbadencer@eur.army.mil](mailto:wiesbadencer@eur.army.mil) for more information.

### Hockey players wanted

Experienced ice hockey players are wanted to play for the Baden Bruins Army hockey team. The Bruins are coached by former National Hockey Leaguer Bob Sullivan and play in several leagues. Contact Ken Robinson at civ (0172) 6263 642 or [admin@badenbruins.com](mailto:admin@badenbruins.com).





Photos by Karl Weisel

## Frankfurt Museum Festival

One of the best festivals in the area — the Frankfurt Museumsufer Festival — is Aug. 27-29. The annual event featuring a showcase of museum exhibits, free concerts, entertainment and foods from around the globe is held on both sides of the Main River between the Eiserner Steg pedestrian bridge and Friedensbrücke. Visit <http://museumsufer-fest-frankfurt.de> for a schedule of events.



# FMWR offers free fantasy football

By Tim Hipps

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command  
Public Affairs Office

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons are invited to play in a free fantasy football league with \$100,000, a trip to Super Bowl XLV and championship rings on the line.

Participants can create an account and begin drafting teams to compete in the RapidDraft Fantasy Football League at [www.mwrfantasysports.com](http://www.mwrfantasysports.com). Fantasy football revolves around the statistics of players in the National Football League.

Registration and all drafts must be started by Sept. 12. Officials recommend not waiting until deadline time because draft rooms could be full and computer servers overloaded.

Each player can field as many as 60 teams, each of which will draft and play a full season of fantasy football games against 11 Fantasy Football Professionals, including Joe Namath, MVP of Super Bowl III.

Avatars/cartoon characters are used to represent

the pros. Each fantasy pro is a “robotic general manager,” with a draft strategy managed by a real person or team of experienced fantasy professionals. Each pro has defined a unique, professional draft strategy and will create and submit a proprietary, subjective player draft ranking.

The draft rankings or player lists are updated frequently based on subjective analysis, breaking player news and research done by each pro. After creating an account and becoming a World Fantasy Games member, participants may enter the website and sign up to draft a fantasy football team against the fantasy pros. Members may draft at any time, day or night, until the final draft deadline.

The best place to start is by clicking on the official rules tab at the bottom right-hand corner of the page and studying steadfastly.

Your roster will consist of 20 players and defenses in any numerical combination. You must submit a lineup each week and positions left blank will receive zero points. Be forewarned: successful fantasy football

playing can be very time consuming. Somewhat like playing golf, success depends on the level at which you aspire to perform.

RapidDraft Fantasy Football is strictly for entertainment purposes and may not be used in connection with any form of gambling. All participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of their registration and have public or private Internet access as of Sept. 15, 2010.

The league is open to all active duty personnel, their family members, retirees, reservists, National Guard and Department of Defense civilians.

The overall military winner, based on the accumulation of points throughout the season, will win a trip for two to Super Bowl XLV on Feb. 6, 2011, at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The winner from each branch of the military — Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard — will receive a custom championship ring. All FMWR contestants also will compete for the national grand prize of \$100,000.

## ‘Lucky Stiff’ at Hilltop

Baumholder’s Hilltop Theater features its production of the zany musical “Lucky Stiff” for the next two weekends. Pick up tickets at the Arts and Crafts Center or call mil 485-6687.

## Summer Fest Party

Baumholder’s Rheinlander holds a Summer Fest Party Aug. 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. It’ll feature ribs, chicken, burgers, the Reilly Band and more.

## Outdoor Rec trips

Wiesbaden Outdoor Recreation features a host of upcoming adventures including the Nottingham Carnival Aug. 27-31, Camp Darby (Italy) Sept. 2-6, Bad Dürkheim Wine Fest Sept. 11, Munich Oktoberfest Oct. 2 and Deep

## Things to do

**Sea Fishing in Holland** Oct. 8-11. Stop by Outdoor Rec on Wiesbaden Army Airfield or call civ (0611) 705-5760.

## ‘The Frog Prince’

The Amelia Earhart Playhouse presents the Galli Theater production of “The Frog Prince” Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. The beloved Grimms’ fairy tale is brought to life on stage for everyone age 3 and older. Pick up tickets at local USOs or call the playhouse at civ (0611) 816-2473.

## Model Airplane Air Show

The town of Weilbach (near Hofheim — between Wiesbaden and Frankfurt) holds its annual Model Airplane Air

Show Aug. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €2. Children are free. Visit [www.modell-fvl.de](http://www.modell-fvl.de) for details.

## American bike, car festival

An American Bike and Car Festival will be held Aug. 27-29 at the Speedwaybahn in Hofheim-Diedenbergen. All bikers and U.S. cars are welcome. The fest will feature Harleys, stunts, clothing, accessories and more. Visit [www.abc-festival.de/info.html](http://www.abc-festival.de/info.html) for details.

## Blues in the Palmengarten

The U.S. Consulate and Frankfurter Rundschauf are teaming up to sponsor blues musicians Omar and the Howl-

ers performing live in the Frankfurt Palmengarten Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are €10.

## Wiesbaden Folklore Fest

Wiesbaden features its Folklore Festival Aug. 27-29 around the Schlachthof at Murnaust. 1. Bands including Tocotronic, Blumentopf and Cargo City will perform at the event which will feature 27 bands, street theater, comedy and various stands.

## Wine festivals

Wiesbaden hosts the Rheingauer Wine Week through Aug. 22. Rüdesheim showcases wines from the region during its wine festival Aug. 20-23. The nearby town of Assmannshausen holds its Hölengassenparty Aug. 28-29.



## Schoolbits

### Back 2 School Battle

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden invites students age 10 and older to a Back 2 School Battle bash Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mainz-Kastel Housing Soccer Field featuring tug-o-war, sack races, an obstacle course, free food and school supply gift certificates. Call mil 337-5541 for details.

### Big Bucks for College

Money is always a concern for graduating seniors and their parents. Wiesbaden's Big Bucks for College provides an opportunity for seniors to earn some cash through bingo games, lunch sales, auctions and the annual community May Fest. Every dollar earned is equally divided among participating seniors. To be eligible seniors must dedicate 10 volunteer hours at BBFC events and show proof of acceptance at a college, university, trade or technical school. Learn more at the Wiesbaden High School Open House Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

### New student orientations

**Wiesbaden High School** holds a new student orientation Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. at the school in Wiesbaden's Hainerberg Housing. **Baumholder Middle High School** holds its orientation for new students Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. **Kindergarten** orientation for new students at **Hainerberg Elementary School** is Aug. 30 at 8:30 a.m. **New student orientation** for **Hainerberg Elementary School** will be held Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (spirit wear will be on sale). **Aukamm Elementary School** holds a new parent orientation Aug. 27 at 11 a.m. **Wiesbaden Middle School** holds its new student orientation Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. **Smith Elementary School** holds a Meet and Greet for students and parents Aug. 27 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

### School open houses

**Hainerberg Elementary School** holds an Open House at 1 p.m. Sept. 2 at the school. Parents can meet teachers and learn about the curriculum and requirements. A kindergarten parent meet-and-greet breakfast will be held Sept. 7 at 8:30 a.m. **Aukamm Elementary School** holds an open house Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. **Wiesbaden Middle School** holds an open house Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. at the school.

### Register now for school

Parents are asked to visit their child's school as soon as possible to

register him or her so that schools can ensure proper staffing and funding during the upcoming school year.

### Free/reduced lunches

Families may be eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches based on size and income. Pick up an application at your child's school.

### HIRED!

Teens ages 15-18 can explore careers, earn cash and get a certificate from Kansas State University upon completion of Child, Youth and School Services' 12-week-long HIRED! Program. Visit your local Teen Center for more information on the teen workforce prep and apprenticeship program.

### Student leadership

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Student Leadership School at Rhine Ordnance Barracks in June and July — John Gerber, Caleb Winningham, Mhairi Terra, Cheyenne Schaub, Corey Taylor, Max Sarsok, James Killilea and Jessie Davis. *(Courtesy of Rhonda Schaub)*

### Tax-free school supplies

With school just around the corner, many states are beginning to promote "back-to-school tax holidays," featuring tax-free shopping for specified items. Fortunately for students in military families the same items found at local Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores are free of sales tax every day. "AAFES already has the no-tax policy, so to give military shoppers added value we take an additional percentage off back-to-school items," said Col. Ada Conlan, AAFES acting chief of staff. *(AAFES Public Affairs)*

### Scholarship winner

Congratulations to Wiesbaden's Nathaniel Wickham, winner of a \$1,500 college scholarship awarded



through the annual Scholarships for Military Children Program. More than 6,000 students applied for scholarships at commissary locations worldwide. Wickham is

slated to attend the University of Notre Dame. Visit [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) for more information on the commissary scholarship program.

**Youths gear up for kindergarten in the Child, Youth and School Services' Strong Beginnings program.**

Photo by Chrystal Smith



## DoDDS helps prepare for kindergarten

The first day of kindergarten can be exciting and emotional for children and parents. To help ease the transition into formal schooling, Department of Defense Dependents Schools have activities that will help you and your child learn about kindergarten and prepare for a successful year of school. Here are some commonly asked questions.

### Is there a kindergarten orientation?

In August, you will be invited to attend a kindergarten orientation at your child's school to meet your child's teacher, see your child's classroom and learn more about the kindergarten curriculum and expectations for the year. Your school will be putting out additional information regarding the specific times for your school's orientation.

**I heard home visits are part of the kindergarten program. What are home visits? When will they take place?** The intent of the home visits is to get to know the child and help ease the transition into



school. A home visit is an excellent way for children to get to know their teachers. Home visits provide enjoyable opportunities for children to share with their teacher things that are special to them — books, toys and/or pets. As the teacher becomes familiar, the child's fears about school are greatly reduced. The intent of these visits is not to make judgment on the family or check up on the parents. Parents should not feel like they need to do anything special to prepare for these visits.

### How will home visits help ease the transition to kindergarten?

Home visits allow the teacher, child and parent time to begin to establish good rapport. A teacher's knowledge of the child and positive connections allows for smoother transitions during the initial days of school when family separation can be a major issue. By giving children a half-hour of focused attention at their homes, on their own turf where they are comfortable, a teacher

can learn a tremendous amount about each child.

### What do I need to do in preparation for the home visit?

Really nothing, however, it is helpful to provide the teacher with clear directions and when necessary a map to help them find your home. The teacher and classroom paraprofessional will want to spend some time talking to and playing with your child as a way to bond and get to know them before they come to the classroom on the first full day of school. Your child may want to share a special toy or game with them. For some children having their teachers visit can be very exciting and for others they may feel a bit shy. It is important to accept your child's feelings. The idea of having the teacher visit sends a very positive message to your child that the teacher has cared enough about them to want to come and meet them.

### How are home visits helpful to parents?

For the parent the home visit is a wonderful way to start a relationship with the school and the new teacher. The personal contact initiated on a home visit makes it easier for parents to feel comfortable providing information, asking questions or sharing concerns about their child with the teacher throughout the year.

### Is it common to feel a bit uncomfortable about having someone visit your home?

That is a feeling that some parents report having, however, after the visit, nearly all parents find them to be a positive experience and wish we would do them periodically throughout the year. It is important to realize that the teacher and classroom paraprofessional are visiting for the sole purpose of getting to know the child and not to judge your home. If you have further concerns contact your child's teacher.

If you have questions about DoDDS kindergarten, contact your elementary school.



# Teachers prepare to welcome students

**Story and photos by Chuck McCarter**  
*Federal Education Association European Area Director*

Each year at this time, the Wiesbaden community focuses on the beginning of another school year. As children and families shop for new school clothes and supplies, teachers are preparing for the new school year as well. After a summer that may have included travel, relaxation and family or coursework and study, teachers focus on starting the year off right.

“It’s always fun to start a new school year,” says Pat Best, fifth-grade teacher at Hainerberg Elementary School. “The summer break offers a great chance to

travel, rest, read and recharge, but those first days back to school are always the best.”

Students in most Department of Defense Dependents Schools will begin on Aug. 30, while most teachers have to start back to work on Aug. 25. Schools use three days for meetings and planning, and teachers use the time to prepare their classrooms and lessons for the coming year. Many teachers will put in extra hours those days, as well as working through the weekend, to ensure the first day is a positive and successful one for students. Since teachers may teach from 18-150 students a day, being prepared and starting off the year right is important.

Kelly Dorsch, who is an English as a Second Language instructor at the elementary schools in Wiesbaden, has a unique perspective on the start of the school year. “As an English language teacher, I look forward to meeting my new students and learning about their language experiences and culture. It is exciting to start the year off learning how to say hello and good-bye in Russian, Ukrainian, French Creole or Italian. The start of each school year brings new excitement to teaching English to our military kids,” Dorsch said.

Parents play an important role in a student’s education as well. Research shows that one key to success for students is supportive and involved families. Each school in Wiesbaden will be hosting an open house, so parents should make plans to attend. When parents attend activities like open house, the students see firsthand the partnership that is formed, and they see that their parents are on board as far as classroom and school expectations. Two of Wiesbaden’s schools, Hainerberg Elementary School and Wiesbaden Middle School, will have new administrators so open house will be an excellent opportunity to meet them as well.

Likewise, Baumholder students and parents will get to know their schools better during “meet and greet” and other events at the Baumholder schools.

It should be noted, as with many organizations, it is best to work through the “chain of command” when you have questions about your child’s school,



**Wiesbaden Middle School teacher Mely Arnold gets ready for the first day of school.**

starting with the teacher first.

Teachers in the Wiesbaden area are represented by the Federal Education Association, which is a state affiliate of the National Education Association. There are a variety of resources available on the NEA website for parents as well as teachers. One such resource is an Internet safety program offered by NEA’s Health Information Network. To access the free program and newsletters about helping families ensure students’ safety on the Internet, go to [www.bnetsavvy.org](http://www.bnetsavvy.org).

DoDD schools are fortunate to have caring and dedicated teachers who are experienced in working with the needs of students and military families. Teachers provide a stable and supportive environment for a transient population and for students whose parents may be deployed. DoDD schools also set high expectations for students and have been studied by other school systems and universities for consistently high test scores and low small achievement gap.



**Hainerberg Elementary School’s Joy Urbaniak helps students on the first day of school.**

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Sylvester Stallone directs the action adventure "The Expendables" featuring Eric Roberts and Steve Austin (among others) about a team caught between a rock and a hard place.

## At the movies Aug. 19 to Sept. 2

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

**Aug. 20** — The Other Guys (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 21** — Inception (PG-13) 4 p.m. The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 22** — Killers (PG-13) 6 p.m.  
**Aug. 27** — The Expendables (R) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 28** — Ramona And Beezus (G) 4 p.m. Salt (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 29** — Ramona And Beezus (G) 6 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

**Aug. 19** — Splice (R) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 20** — The Karate Kid (PG) 4 p.m. The Expendables (R) 7:30 p.m. Get Him To The Greek (R) 10 p.m.  
**Aug. 21** — Marmaduke (PG) 4 p.m. Jonah Hex (PG-13) 7 p.m. The Expendables (R) 9:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 22** — Shrek Forever After (PG) 4 p.m.

The Expendables (R) 7 p.m.

**Aug. 23** — The Expendables (R) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 24** — The Karate Kid (PG) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 25** — Jonah Hex (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 26** — The Karate Kid (PG) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 27** — Toy Story 3 (G) 4 p.m. Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 7 p.m. The A-Team (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 28** — Toy Story 3 (G) 4 p.m. Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 7 p.m. The A-Team (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.  
**Aug. 29** — Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 4 p.m. The A-Team (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 30** — Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 7 p.m.  
**Aug. 31** — Jonah Hex (PG-13) 7 p.m.  
**Sept. 1** — Splice (R) 7 p.m.  
**Sept. 2** — Killers (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher star in "Killers." Photo right: Megan Fox and Josh Brolin are hung up in "Jonah Hex."



## Movie plots

**The Expendables (R)** — This hard-hitting action thriller is about a group of mercenaries hired to infiltrate a South American country and overthrow its ruthless dictator. Once the mission begins, the men realize things aren't as they appear, finding themselves caught in a web of deceit and betrayal. With the mission thwarted and an innocent life in danger, the men struggle with an even tougher challenge that threatens to destroy this band of brothers. Stars Sylvester Stallone, Jet Li, Jason Stratham, Eric Roberts and Dolph Lundgren.

**Jonah Hex (PG-13)** — Josh Brolin plays the title character, a scarred drifter and bounty hunter who can track down anyone. His only human connection is with Lila (Megan Fox), whose life in a brothel has left her with scars of her own. When the U.S. military makes Jonah an offer he can't refuse he must track down and stop the dangerous terrorist Quentin Turnbull (John Malkovich), but Turnbull, who is gathering an army and preparing to unleash Hell, is Jonah's oldest enemy and will stop at nothing until Jonah is dead.

**Killers (PG-13)** — Trying to recover from a sudden breakup, Jen Kornfeldt (Katherine Heigl) believes she'll never fall in love again. But when she reluctantly joins her parents on a trip to the French Riviera, Jen meets the man of her dreams, the dashing, handsome Spencer Aimes (Ashton Kutcher). Three years later, her seemingly impossible wish has come true: she and Spencer are newlyweds living the ideal suburban life — that is, until the morning after Spencer's 30th birthday when bullets start flying — literally.

**Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)** — Emma Thompson returns as the magical nanny who appears when she's needed the most and wanted the least. Nanny McPhee appears at the door of harried young mother Isabel Green (Maggie Gyllenhaal) who is trying to run the family farm while her husband is away at war. Relying on everything from a flying motorcycle and a statue that comes to life, McPhee uses her magic to teach new lessons.

**The A-Team (PG-13)** — Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Biel, Quinton Jackson and Sharlto Copely star in this cinematic version of the mid-1980s television show.

**Salt (PG-13)** — CIA officer Evelyn Salt (Angelina Jolie) is fingered as a Russian sleeper spy. She eludes capture by superiors who are convinced she is out to assassinate the president. While trying to reunite with her family, she struggles to prove someone else is the traitor.

**Get Him To The Greek (R)** — Jonah Hill is reunited with Russell Brand in the story of a record company intern with two days to drag an uncooperative rock legend to Hollywood for a comeback concert.



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# Youth Activities

Wiesbaden: Point your children in the right direction ... and when they're older they won't be lost!



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## SKIES Unlimited Fairy Tale Camp

Two girls from the U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden community take advantage of their moment on the parachute to show off their new dance skills at the SKIES Unlimited Program Fairytale Camp with Erika Bettencourt, July 27.



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## Take a ride

The Wiesbaden Teen Center takes the train trolley, in the heart of the Palatinate mountains, the Pfälzer Bergland.



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## EDGE! Snorkeling and Diving Activity

**LEFT:** Chloe Winter and Sarah Pickard have a fun time in the pool during the EDGE! Snorkeling and Diving Activity at the pool in Trebur.  
**RIGHT:** Joseph Winter jumps in at the EDGE! Snorkeling and Diving Activity at the pool in Trebur.



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### Let's cook

From left, eighth-graders Deanna Crensha, Naté Simington, Shanavia Howard and Demia Reese prepare pizza and oatmeal raisin cookies during a weeklong cooking class at the Youth Center in Wetzel.



Photo by Ann Zetterstrom

### Flying high

It's not every day a helicopter lands in your front yard. Sophia Oeschger, Kate Eichburg, Britta Zetterstrom and Brandon Kelley gather in front of an ADAC helicopter that landed in front of the Rheinlander Community Club, July 19. The helicopter landed to medevac an injured child.



Photo by Ignacio "Iggy" Rubalcava

### Robotic creation

Eighth grader Daniel Fields tests one of his robotic creations at the Youth Center in Wetzel.



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### Soccer fun

Raechel McCormick, left, enjoys a game of table soccer with her friend at the Youth Center in Wetzel.









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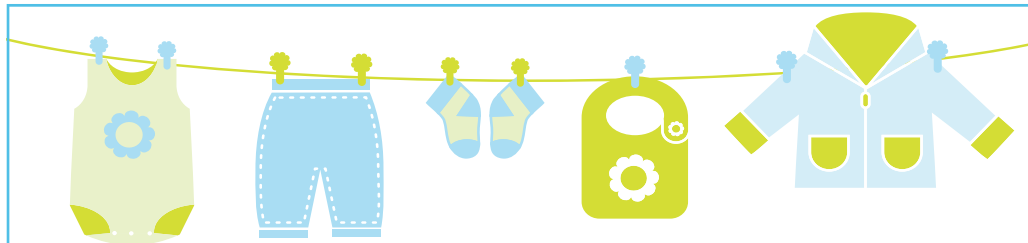
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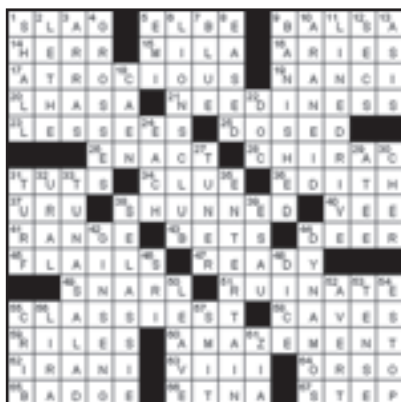
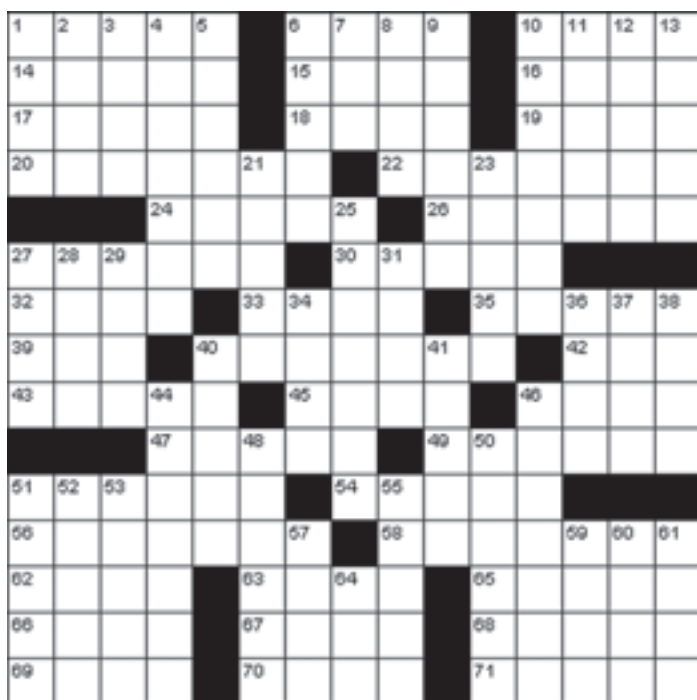
## Emiliano Castaneda

Emiliano was born at 3:48 p.m. June 2 at St. Josefs-Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany. Emiliano was 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 20.5 inches. He was born to Yuliana Castaneda and SGT Horacio Castaneda and joins his big sister Briza. The family is stationed in Wiesbaden.

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## Crossword Puzzle



This is the solution  
to the crossword  
puzzle from Aug. 5!

### DOWN

- Mountain route
- Letters of urgency
- Sported
- Passed, as laws
- Saying it isn't so
- Marine snail
- "\_\_ the Walrus" (Beatles song)
- Take some off the top
- Showing extreme courage
- More sinuous
- Short letters
- Put on a pedestal
- English diarist
- Shake like \_\_
- Unrefined
- Carbonated quaff
- Hardly haute cuisine
- Spikes
- A lot
- Colo. neighbor
- Assuming that's true ...
- South Yemen port
- Soprano Te Kanawa
- Corporate VIP
- Oscar, maybe
- Untruthful
- Magnificent
- Woman's name containing another
- Soundness
- "The Bathes" painter
- 1991 Wimbledon champion
- Brashly presumptuous
- Excited
- Prepared for a shoot
- Fluctuate
- Aberration
- Singer Horne
- Jittery
- Simian

### ACROSS

- Manhandled
- Desire
- Breeze
- Together
- Cod's cousin
- Central point
- See-through wrap
- Desert dignitary
- Covering
- Exceptional
- Ridicule
- Negotiation
- Gardener's flags
- Mother of Dionysus
- When expected
- Extol
- Adjutant
- Circumnavigator Sir Francis
- Sea monster
- Genial
- Ten in Toulon
- "Fiddlesticks!"
- Frisky
- Roll call response
- Exuberant cry
- Peaceful
- Globe
- Discussion group
- Actress Weld
- Base
- Analogy words
- Rich soil
- Lubricated
- Close friend
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- "\_\_ the body electric"
- Hoopla
- Tended to the weeds
- Reimburse





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